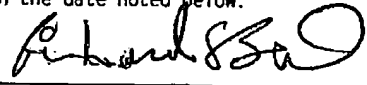


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In lieu of filing a response to the Office Action mailed  
March 4, 2005 in the above-identified application, the  
undersigned had telephone conferences with the Examiner on  
March 30, 2004 and April 6, 2005, wherein the Examiner agreed to  
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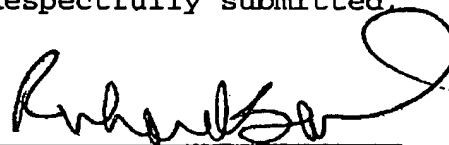
application would be allowed and that a Notice of Allowance would be forthcoming.

The USPTO patent information retrieval system ("PAIR") indicates that a Notice of Allowability issued on April 4, 2005, and the PAIR system indicates that an allowance has been counted. However, to date, applicants have not received a Notice of Allowance or a Notice of Allowability.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.

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